

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:290

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000

LOC BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a number of countries had suggested that Line of Control may be made as an international border between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether India has rejected this proposal; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir

(b)-(c) Does Not Arise.

(d) The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Government are committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan including issues related to the State of Jammu and Kashmir bilaterally and in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration.